

**REMARKS**

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1, 5, 6, 15 and 17 have been amended. Claims 4, 16, 18 and 20 have been cancelled. New claim 21 is added. Claims 1-3, 5-15, 17, 19 and 21 are pending and under consideration. Claims 12-14 are allowed and claims 5-7 and 9 are objected to.

The rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112 is overcome by the present amendments.

The rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 are respectfully traversed. Independent claim 1 (used herein as an example) recites a noise buffering plate, to divide the machine room into a front chamber and a rear chamber, having at least one vent hole to allow air flow between the front chamber and the rear chamber. The Examiner relies upon element 40 of Nakanashi as corresponding to this feature. However, this element is a speaker, not a vent hole.

Rand and Kim do not overcome this deficiency in Nakanashi, and is not relied on by the Examiner to do so.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections is requested.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.


Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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